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PORT OPTICAL PACKAGE

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Dear Sir:

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§1.56 and 1.97(c), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the events recited in §1.97(b) but to the undersigned's knowledge, before the mailing date of either a Final Action or a Notice of Allowance. Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c), this Information Disclosure Statement is accompanied by a certification as specified by §1.97(e).

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Copies of the listed documents are attached. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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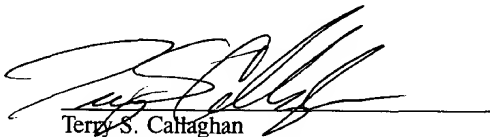
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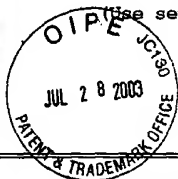
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